

# Latta News Department

Conducted by W. Ellis Bethea

## Coming and Going

Mrs. John C. Hayes of Elberry was in town on Monday.

Miss Omega Ellerbe is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Rogers, of Blenheim. J. C. Bethea, ex-clerk of Dillon county, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. H. B. Berry of Marion is visiting Mrs. W. Dal Bethea.

H. T. Hartley of Brownsville was in town Saturday.

S. T. Campbell, of Ebenezer was in town Saturday.

A. L. Campbell of Ebenezer was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. McKay of Ebenezer were in town Saturday.

Willie Rouse of Fork was in town Saturday.

L. B. Rogers, from the Dothan section was in town Wednesday.

F. O. Moody of the Zion section was in town Wednesday.

L. T. Sessions, Jr., of near Floydale, was in town Wednesday.

F. M. Haselden of Mallory was in town Wednesday.

J. F. Easterling of near Temperance was in town Wednesday.

W. E. Rogers and little son of Blenheim were in town Wednesday.

P. Y. Bethea of Marion was a visitor here Wednesday among relatives.

H. W. Weatherford of Bethesda was in town on Wednesday.

W. E. Allen of near Dalcho was in town Thursday.

E. W. Allen of Clio was in town Thursday.

B. Sellers of Sellers was in town Thursday.

Jas. A. Galloway of Mallory was in town Thursday.

M. D. Meggs, of Smithboro was in town Thursday.

S. C. Taylor of Floydale was in town Thursday.

S. L. Smith, a planter of Oak Grove was in town Thursday.

W. B. Sanders of Dillon was in town Thursday.

C. Singleton of Dillon was in town Thursday.

L. C. Harrell of Dillon was in town Thursday.

Wade W. Wise of Oak Grove was in town Thursday.

R. M. Utley of Floydale was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Page of Sellers were in town Friday.

J. W. Edgerton spent Thursday in Florence.

John C. Hayes of Elberry was in town Friday.

Rev. F. H. Shuler, Presiding Elder of the Florence District, was in town on the 17th.

Miss Eunice Pearsall of Red Springs, N. C., has returned home after spending some time with Mrs. R. J. Dew.

Mrs. Gordon Wells and children of Florence spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pope.

Mrs. W. H. Car and children of Roanoke, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bruce.

E. B. Price, representing Southern Fruit Co., of Charleston, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Lula Hoffmeyer of Florence is visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. A. Edwards.

C. M. Allen, Manager, Swift & Co. Oil Mill, Columbia, was in town Wednesday on business for the company.

N. B. Hargrove, a prominent lawyer of Dillon, was in town Wednesday, looking after his interests.

Mr. Flowers, a lumber dealer and planter of Marion was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. O. Bethea and children of near Sellers were in town Wednesday.

James D. Bethea and Tracey E. Fore of Oak Grove were in town Wednesday.

P. A. George, a prominent planter and live stock man of Elberry was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Cowles of Columbia is making her home with Mr. J. R. Taylor, as companion for Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fenegan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reaves.

Mrs. J. R. Reaves visited her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Fenegan, during the past week.

C. G. Bass, who has been visiting his brother in Florida has returned home, looking fine and feeling good.

Mr. Lucius Tippet of the American Brokerage Co., of Havana, Cuba, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. J. Tolar.

J. D. Haselden, after having spent several weeks with his sister, Mrs. H. A. Edwards, has returned to Detroit, Mich.

Miss Flora Belle McLeod, of the faculty of Dalcho High School, is spending the week end with Miss Martie Atkinson.

C. G. Bruce left Monday morning the 21st to accept a position with his brother, Col. W. W. Bruce, of Asheville, N. C.

J. H. Yelton of the Insurance Department, A. C. L., was here Wednesday, looking after the company's interests.

Mrs. T. C. Covington returned home Monday night from Richmond, Va., where she has been visiting her son.

L. H. Smith and Frank Watkins went to Charleston Thursday the 17th. Mr. Watkins had his eyes treated while there.

U. M. Edwards of Lumberton who represents National Colliers' Co., of Roanoke, Va., was in town Thursday trying to sell coal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reaves and little twin sons, of Fairmont, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reaves.

Miss Delle Bethea, who has been attending Mary Baldwin Seminary, is

at home sick, not seriously, but too sick to continue her studies at present.

Mrs. Sophronia Bethea brought her daughter Delle home Tuesday from Staunton, Va., where she has been going to school, but is now sick.

Miss Caroline Reaves and Miss Reaves Alford of the Coker College faculty, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reaves of Floydale.

Dr. Rufus Ford of Marion, an eminent divine, and the new Baptist minister of that place, Dr. Fall, formerly of Florida, were in town Friday of last week.

E. W. McIver, representing Reid & Co., fertilizers, was in town Thursday and finds fertilizers harder to sell than usual at this time of the year.

Clifford R. Crawford, son of J. G. Crawford, formerly of this place, but now of Sumter, S. C., has been called to the Methodist ministry, and he is pursuing his studies at Davidson College to this end.

Miss Hope Manning and Miss Bessie Rowell left for Wilmington on the 21st, the former to visit her sister, Mrs. C. E. Bethea, and the latter to be treated in one of the hospitals of that city.

Capt. O. D. Fitts, who was for twenty-five years conductor of the Latta Branch, but now conductor of one of the fast trains from Florence to Richmond, passed through town today on his way to Clio to see his family.

## Social Events at Latta.

Mrs. D. C. Edwards entertained for Miss Eunice Pearsall of Red Springs with Progressive Rook on the evening of the 18th. After the game a sweet course was served. Those present on this delightful occasion were: Misses Bessie, Christine and Mae Berry, Gertrude Manning, and Teresa Dew, Messrs. S. J. Edwards, R. T. Fairley, M. H. Cox, H. E. Parham and O. J. Zeigler.

Mrs. J. J. Tolar entertained a few friends at Rook on the 17th. After the games were finished, fruit, punch, sandwiches and candies were served. Those present on this delightful occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fenegan, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Summerlin, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bass and Mrs. Ada Edwards. Mrs. W. J. Summerlin, who is an artist along the line of music, furnished delightful selections for the occasion.

Mrs. Ada Edwards entertained the Sewing Circle at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Ellen George, on Tuesday afternoon the 15th. After two hours pleasantly spent, in sewing and chatting, dainty refreshments were served. Those enjoying this occasion were Misses Mary Moore Stoneburner, Gertrude Mahaffy, Eloise Linson, Gertrude Manning, Annie Covington and Mrs. Kate Rogers. This club meets once each week and the members always have a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stafford entertained a few friends at dinner on the 21st. After partaking of a bounteous meal from a table loaded down with all kinds of good eats, we were invited into the parlor where a few selections were rendered by Mrs. Stafford on one of the finest instruments, I dare say, in this Pee Dee section. Those present were: Rev. E. C. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis Bethea, Mr. B. C. Stafford, nephew of Mr. A. G. Stafford, and the family.

Mrs. J. D. Coleman entertained the Columbia College Club Saturday afternoon the 19th, at her lovely country home. Mrs. Coleman greeted the guests in her usual happy manner. When we entered the parlor we found a cheerful fire in the open fire place, and a large bowl of yellow narcissus was on the mantel. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Gertrude Manning gave a delightful sketch of the College. Miss Flora Belle McLeod had a paper on the college girl of today. Miss Omega Ellerbe had a paper on the college girl of fifty years ago and of today, and in the absence of Miss Ellerbe, the paper was read by Mrs. E. C. Major. Miss Agnes Davis gave a reading. This concluded the business, after which Mrs. E. B. Berry, Jr., gave us a solo, and the accompaniment was played by Mrs. W. J. Summerlin. Miss Agnes Davis came in with a letter directed to Miss Daisy Atkinson, Room 16, Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. When the letter was opened it announced that a box had been sent, and just at that time, the box arrived from home, and we all helped to open the box and everything good which a school girl could desire was found in the box. Purple and white napkins, the college colors, were used, and all sat down on the floor and enjoyed the contents of the box. At a late hour the guests left and all agreed that we had a most delightful afternoon. The members present were:

Mesdames T. J. Bass, H. A. Edwards, H. A. Bethea, T. W. Berry, W. C. Kirkland, and E. C. Major. Misses Sallie Bethea, Estelle Ellerbe, Gertrude Manning, Lillian Bethea, Flora Belle McLeod and Martie Atkinson. The visitors present were: Mesdames Hoyt Watson, E. B. Berry, Jr., W. J. Summerlin and Miss Agnes Davis.

## News Items of Interest in and Around Latta.

A splendid dwelling belonging to the estate of Mollie Cousar, a colored woman, was burned about 4 o'clock a. m. the 17th. There was only a few hundred dollars of insurance on it.

The following members of the Dalcho Lodge No. 160 of this place visited Clinton Lodge No. 60 at Marion on the evening of the 17th at a special communication: W. S. Pope, E. J. Brown, M. L. Watson, M. H. Cox, A. L. Smith, W. D. Bethea, and W. Ellis Bethea.

R. L. Bird of St. Paul, N. C., passed through Latta Thursday. Mr. Bird had just returned from investigating the sudden death of his brother, Ezekiah, age sixty three, who died at their old home below Marion last week. On first hearing of his brother's death he feared that his brother had been foully dealt with, but after a thorough investigation, found that he died from natural causes—heart failure.

During the few pretty days of the past week there must have been hundreds of gardens prepared and planted in this section, and if our people will continue to encourage and push this line of agriculture during this year, and should cotton go even lower in price, than it now is, and we have every reason to believe that it will not be much better if any, we will not feel so dependent next fall as we were the past fall.

W. Ellis Bethea, who will represent the Twenty-Second Masonic District, as District Deputy Grand Master, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Charleston on the 23rd and 24th of February, left here on the morning of the 22nd, on 83 for that city. T. J. Bass, W. M. of Dalcho Lodge No. 160 A. F. M. who will represent his lodge in the Grand Lodge left here on the 23rd on 83 for that occasion.

Dewey Freeman, a young man of this place, was in a railroad wreck something more than a year ago, and it was feared at the time that he would lose both legs, but after several operations, and much suffering, he improved enough to walk on crutches, and finally with a cane. He is now in the Florence Infirmary where he is having a slight operation and his doctor thinks he will be able to walk without any assistance. His many friends will be delighted to know this.

There was much cotton to pick in this section during the past fall and winter, and there was no doubt a loss on every bale that was gathered from the fields during the season, but this is not the worst part of our story: The farmers have neglected to plant a very valuable crop, in saving our blue cotton, viz: Oats, which cannot be grown successfully, unless planted in the fall. I see many of our farmers now trying to plant, and it has been an up-hill business with weather conditions like we have had them so far.

Mrs. John D. Bethea, who has been sick for about two weeks, and who has been living with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Parham, died on the evening of the 18th. The funeral and burial services were held, the former at the home of Mr. Parham, and the latter at Magnolia Cemetery, at 4 o'clock the 19th. Mrs. Bethea, before her marriage to Mr. Bethea, was a Miss Manning, and has numerous relatives throughout the Pee Dee section, both in Dillon and Marlboro counties, who will be grieved to learn of her death. Her immediate family consists of her husband, Mr. John D. Bethea, and her two sons, Herbert and T. M. Bethea, and three daughters, as follows: Mrs. N. M. McLean, Mrs. W. C. Parham and Miss Leila Bethea. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The following relatives and friends were the pall-bearers: Hon. J. H. Manning, T. W. Berry, H. A. Bethea, W. Ellis Bethea, P. C. Henry, E. C. Bethea, M. M. Monroe and J. F. McDonald.

The monthly meeting of The Parent Teacher's Association was held the 17th in the auditorium. The very enjoyable program of the afternoon included reading by Miss Annie Covington, violin music by Mrs. E. B. Berry, Jr., vocal selections by Miss Mae Berry and Mrs. Ada Edwards and instrumental numbers by Miss Teresa Dew. Each number was effectively rendered. Patrons and teachers of the Latta Schools feel the Parent Teachers Association has been a great factor in facilitating co-operative work, and the town is justly proud of this organization. At this time the association president is Mrs. H. A. Edwards. Her executive committee consists of Mrs. W. H. Smith, Miss Gertrude Manning and Prof. R. T. Fairley. The Secretary of the Association is Miss Mary Moore Stoneburner. During the social hour, which followed the programme of the afternoon, the young ladies of the High School, under the supervision of Mrs. O. J. Fenegan and Mrs. J. A. B. LeGette, served dainty refreshments.

It will be remembered that two Latta students at the Citadel during the Christmas holidays were held up and robbed, in the city of Charleston.

right in sight of the Calhoun monument. The student, were on their way to take the early morning train for Latta, when the yeggmen jumped out of a car and placed a pistol in the face of these two young men, and stripped them of all belongings. Biggs had all his clothing, consisting of a very costly suit of clothes and \$12.00, and Bethea only had \$7.00. This was taken from them, and the boys phoned immediately to police headquarters, describing the parties, and the police picked them up in about one hour's time. In the mean time the two cadets borrowed more money and were ready to board the train for Latta when they received a call from police headquarters for them to come and identify the men, which they did, finding some of the stuff on them. Mr. W. Ellis Bethea, father of Philip, is just in receipt of a letter from his son stating that he has been attending court in Charleston most of the week, and that the yeggmen plead guilty, and sentence passed on them, it being five years each in the penitentiary. The relatives of these robbers have made many efforts to get Biggs and Bethea to settle with them on the side, but of course the boys would not hear to this.

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W. Ellis Bethea.

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